

THE PRIMA DONNA RETURNS FOR 1,678TH TIME—By Goldberg.

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"LEAVES GRAVE" RECLAIMS WIFE

Thomas Nethercott, "Killed" in Spanish War, Demands Return of Spouse.

SHE HAD REMARRIED

Robert Cook, Second Husband, Tells Police His Wife Saw Tombstone of First Husband.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Dec. 30.—Attaches of the Flatbush Police Court passed today when a story resembling that of Enoch Arden in some respects, was poured into their ears as an excited telegraph operator who gave his name as Robert Cook of East Ninety-third street and Avenue K, Canarsie, told the magistrate of how a man said to be Thomas Nethercott, who was supposedly safely buried in Calvary Cemetery, returned Sunday to demand that Mrs. Cook come back to him as his wife.

According to the story told by Cook, he married Mrs. Cook ten years ago, after she had been officially informed that her husband, who was a sailor, was killed in the Spanish-American war in 1898. He also said that Nethercott was buried in Calvary Cemetery, and he told the warrant officers of the court that Mrs. Cook had seen the tombstone erected. He complained that the man who claimed to be Nethercott, and who was identified by Mrs. Cook as her husband, had come back Sunday and had threatened everybody in the house, and tried to break in.

Investigation of Cook's story, however, has revealed some startling facts which would tend to show several discrepancies. In the first place, the naval records show that only three men were killed in the navy during the Spanish-American war, and that while two of them were from Brooklyn, none of them bore the name Nethercott. It was said that Nethercott had been killed in the Philippines, but there is no record of any sailor having been killed during the navy's occupancy of Manila or any of the ports and islands of the group.

Flatbush officers have been sent after the man who came to the Cook home on Sunday but as yet have had no chance to get their hands on him.

According to Cook's story, the visitor left the house after he had tried to gain entrance and failed, and has not been seen in the neighborhood since then. He gave the police a description of him, however, and there are three detectives at present trying to locate him.

ENORMOUS PROFIT IN FOREIGN SHIPMENTS

Freight Rates Soaring Because U. S. Has Its Merchant Marine, Says Department of Commerce.

A report showing that freight rates to European ports have risen since the outbreak of the European war, the department of commerce has issued a statement to the effect that the whole trouble lay in the fact that the United States had no merchant marine available to handle its commerce in time of foreign war.

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AN ENOCH ARDEN BACK FROM GRAVE

He Still Has Wallop and the Police Want Him.

ASSURES HE IS NOT DEAD

Thomas Nethercott Springs Surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cook, of New York.

New York, Dec. 30.—The police of Flatbush are looking for an almost Enoch Arden of Canarsie, who came back from the dead like the prototype of old, but didn't take kindly to new conditions. Unlike the original Enoch he backed out, and made a rough-house as he went.

When the Spanish war broke out, Thomas Nethercott was young and only just married. Thomas became a man-of-war. He left a weeping bride of a few months. They came back from the sailor for a while and then they stopped. A child was born, a pretty girl. They came back from the sailor for a while and then they stopped. A child was born, a pretty girl. They came back from the sailor for a while and then they stopped. A child was born, a pretty girl.

They brought home his body. It was buried in Calvary Cemetery with military honors, and a cross still marks the resting place. In time, the widow forgot her grief and married Robert Cook, a telegrapher. They live at East Ninety-third street and Avenue K, Canarsie.

Resented "Dead" Charge. Mr. and Mrs. Cook and the girl, now a pretty miss of sixteen, were at home on Sunday night when the ring sounded. Mrs. Cook went to the door and there stood her husband whom she supposed was dead.

Mr. Cook heard loud talking and went to the side of his wife. Nethercott held him stark back and said he would shoot him. Cook demanded to know what for. "But you are dead," Mrs. Cook cried.

"I'll show you whether I'm dead or not," Nethercott said, and then the two husbands went at it. They fought in and out of the hall, and they fought down the stairs. At the finish the sailor without drew and said he'd come back with howlers.

The Cooks spent a sleepless night awaiting the return of the sailor husband from the grave. But he didn't return, and Robert Cook lost no time in getting out a warrant for him yesterday.

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I'M NEARLY FROZEN TO DEATH—I'D LOVE TO PUT THIS COAT ON, BUT IT'S SO WARM AND TATTERED I'M AFRAID I WOULD FALL APART—THERE'S THE REASON I ALWAYS CARRY IT ON MY ARM!

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The body of Mrs. Robert D. O. Smith, formerly of this city, who died in Milwaukee, Ind., on Monday, will be brought here for interment in Rock Creek Cemetery, where her husband is buried. Smith removed from Washington in 1888.

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WILL USHER IN YEAR WITH FAVORITE SONGS

Thousands Will Gather at Treasury to Sing, with Band Accompaniment, as 1915 Is Born.

Plans are rapidly maturing for the ushering in of the New Year by thousands of lovers of song in Washington and vicinity through a great "song-fest" to be held on New Year's Eve on the steps and plaza of the Treasury Department Building, following the precedent set last year, when, according to police estimate, 20,000 persons gathered to sing favorite old songs and hymns.

The arrangements will be different this year, however, in that the screen upon which will be thrown the words of the songs, will not be stationed against the Treasury Building, but will be erected near the sidewalk on the plaza and will face the north. The crowd will congregate on the plaza and the south Treasury steps.

Barry E. Foster has made a tentative selection of the songs to be sung. Among these are: "Old Folks at Home," "My Old Kentucky Home," "The Quilting Party," "I Was Seeing Nellie Home," "The Star Spangled Banner," coronation, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "How Firm a Foundation," "America," "Rocky Mountain," "My Maryland," "Dixie Land," "Holy Night," and many others.

Sol Minter, of this city, has charge of the band music. The committee of sponsors is composed of Rexford L. Holmes, formerly president of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union; Rev. John Hutton Clark, pastor of the Old First Presbyterian Church; Rev. John T. Huddle, pastor of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church; George R. Kirk, director of religious work, Y. M. C. A.; Allen E. Mechem, vice president of the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor Union.

Among the interesting features will be a megaphone solo by Miss Viola Shipper and a megaphone quartet, under the direction of Mr. Edwin Callow.

Wilson for "Coast Guards." Says Revenue Cutter and Life-saving Services Should Be Joined.

President Wilson is deeply interested in the pending bill consolidating the revenue cutter service and the life-saving service, and naming the merged service "The Coast Guards." This is indicated in a letter addressed to Representative Underwood by the President, in which he said:

It is of the highest consequence for the efficiency of both services that this bill should pass, and I hope that some change may be found for it even in the busy hours of the House calendar. Under this bill, which already has passed the Senate, the Coast Guards would be placed under the jurisdiction of the Navy Department in time of war.

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MOOSE AND ELEPHANT SHOULD WED, HE SAYS

Progressive Leader Thinks Party Ought to Combine with Republicans for Democratic Defeat.

That some leader of the Progressive party are about ready to return to the Republican party was indicated here yesterday in a statement by Representative William E. Minnebaugh, of Illinois, chairman of the Progressive congressional committee. Mr. Minnebaugh, who took part in the deliberations of the Progressive conference at Chicago, does not believe it would be a good thing for the country if the third party maintained a separate organization in 1916.

There are many substantial reasons for this view," said Mr. Minnebaugh. "Continuance of the Progressive party, as a distinct organization, would have but one result, in the result, in the campaign, and that result would be to increase the chances, if not insure the reelection of Wilson and the Democratic party. The Progressive party, as a distinct organization, would have but one result, in the result, in the campaign, and that result would be to increase the chances, if not insure the reelection of Wilson and the Democratic party.

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CLASSIFIED WANT ADS

LOST.—COAT MONDAY NIGHT. PROBABLY near Harvard. The coat was left at the Harvard Apartment 4, 144 Harvard street.

LOST—AN ERMINE SCARF 2 YARDS long at Rauscher's on Monday afternoon. If found will return it by messenger no questions will be asked. \$5 reward for return to 135 16th st. n.w.

LOST—ON MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 28, at South's Theater, a gold bracelet with three sapphires and a large work all around, with the initials E. F. M. inside. Liberal reward offered if returned to 140 N. st. n.w.

LOST—A VERY PLAT, THIN, GOLD cigarette case, inscription inside "Frederick Wilson, Metropolitan Club." A liberal reward if returned.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS. CONVERT YOUR FURNITURE AND FEATHER BEDS INTO CASH. SQUARE DEAL FURNITURE CO., 501 E. st. n.w., M. 362.

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LEGAL NOTICE. SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding public sale. Estate of John A. Ray, deceased, and his letters and testamentary administration. In and out of his estate, the heirs at law and next of kin of said John A. Ray, deceased, are: Annie Ray, Mary Ray, and Rose Ray. Kin of said John A. Ray, deceased, whose names are unknown, all of the heirs at law and next of kin of said John A. Ray, deceased, are: Annie Ray, Mary Ray, and Rose Ray. Kin of said John A. Ray, deceased, whose names are unknown, all of the heirs at law and next of kin of said John A. Ray, deceased, are: Annie Ray, Mary Ray, and Rose Ray.

OBITUARY. Funeral services for William Henry Scudder, a resident of Washington for thirty-nine years and one of the city's oldest newspaper men, who died Tuesday, after a short illness, were held yesterday afternoon from his home, 106 New Hampshire avenue. The body was shipped to Yellow Springs, Ohio, for interment.

Mr. Scudder was the first telegraph editor of the Washington Post and correspondent here for the Boston Herald. He was private secretary to Commissioners of Penitentiaries, Black, Tanner, and Baum. Before coming here he was night editor of the Indianapolis Sentinel and managing editor of the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Sentinel.

Funeral services for Hugh F. Griffin, native and former resident of Washington, who died Saturday at Shomakin, Pa., were held yesterday at St. Stephen's